A DECIDED CUT IN RATES

The Indianapolis Company Meets the Trust with a Counter Statement.

After Reviewing Incidents of the Situation It Announces a Reduction of Ordinance Prices-A Proposition to the City.

The Indianapolis Natural-gas Company says it intends to meet all opposition, by supplying gas at the lowest possible rates. As a guarantee of this purpose the directors yesterday decided to reduce the price 30 per cent, on domestic consumption, and to stand ready to discount any rate for manufacturers offered by any other company. It is said by the company's officers that its affairs, only, will concern them, and that hereafter competition alone will be used in answering its enemies. An offigial declaration of the company's side of the gas agitation appears in the following:

"To the Public: "In view of the statements and assertions that have appeared recently in the public press in relation to this company, we deem it fair that the public should know our position. It will be remembered that but a short time since this company was urged by the press, and particularly by the organ of the Consumers' Trust Company, to accept the ordinance and come into the city to help supply the people with natural gas. It was repeatedly assured by it and the officers and managers of that company, and citizens generally, that the city wanted all companies to accept the ordinance, and that this company would be treated fairly. The organ of the Trust company repeatedly asserted that it was slanderous to insinuate that any one desired to prevent this company from com-ing into the city and doing business here, or to Intimate that it would not be treated fairly. This company thereupon accepted the ordinance and compiled with all its terms, but instead of meeting with fair treatment the company, its officers and stockholders have been maligned and all kinds of false statements have been constantly circulated in reference to them and their business. The public has been called upon to boycott the company, to the end that it might be prevented from doing business. This company has no complaint to make of any fair or business-like methods of competition that may be adopted by any of its rivals or competitors. It recognizes the right of all companies to compete for business in an open and usiness-like way, but we submit that the holding of secret meetings and appointment of seeret committees to solicit the public to boycott the business enterprise of fellow-citizens for the avowed purpose of rendering their property val-peless, and, if possible, to injure them financially, is neither fair business competation nor fair treatment in any sense of the word. Nor is the fact that certain gentlemen connected with the Trust company were for good reasons refuse d stock in this company any reason why they should undertake to inaugrate a boycott upon

the company.
"In view of the well-known fact that the compined pipe-lines of the three companies, viz.: Broad htipple, Trust and Indianapolis, will not furnish an adequate supply of gas for the entire city, is it for the interest of the city, or will it tend to increase its prosperity, to boycott anymay entertain a different view, we ask them to site us to a single city of the size of Indianapolis, that is fully supplied with natural gas by

three pipe-lines. "It has been stated that negotiations have been had between the Consumers' Trust Company and this company looking to a consolida-sion of the companies. It is true that there have been such negotiations, but it is also true that the negotiations were sought by the repre-pentatives of the Trust company. They were made in a fair business-like manner and were at all times met by this company in the same spir-it. The statement in the Evening News as to what was demanded by this company and that there was a demand on the part of this company to control the Trust company for the purpose of Subverting the pretended objects of that company are utterly and unqualifiedly false. The gentlemen who represented the Trust company in those negotiations were honorable and truthful business men and we therefore feel warranted in saying that they are not responsible for the statements made in the News.

"This company has invested its capital in business enterprise, and is now ready to supply consumers. It has the gas in the city, but by reason of the methods that have been pursued against it, of necessity it must find a market for its gas. Therefore this company will furnish gas for all domestic consumption at 30 per cent. less than the schedule rate and for all other consumption special and entirely satisfactory rates to consumers will be made.

"Is answer to the charge of the News that the intention of this company is to destroy the Trust company and irreparably injure the city. we have this to say: This company stands ready and willing to transfer to and vest the title of its entire plant and property in the city of Indiranapolis, the control of the company and the property to remain in the company. the city being represented in the directory. The net revenue of the company is to be applied to the payment of its indebtedness, and the payment of its stockholders of the amounts paid by them for stock, with 8 per cent. interest, and when such payments have been made the entire control and possession of the property will be turned over to the city.

"Indianapolis Natural-Gas Company."

"By order of the Board of Directors." The above is in answer to the circular in the above all others. The circular is being distributed by the committees which were formed at the meeting Wednesday night at the New Denison. It accompanies a pledge which the com-mittee present for signatures, reading like this: "The undersigned, citizens and property-holders of Indianapolis, believing that the suc-cess of the Consumers' Gas Trust Company

will greatly enhance the prosperity of the city, and that a pledge of patronage is the most effective method of contributing to that success, hereby agree that we will patronize the Trust exclusively, and use all our influence to induce our neighbors and fellow-citizens to do like-The circular itself is as follows:

"The Trust has purchased pipe for its entire high-pressure system, including the sixteeninch mains from the gas fields, and the work of putting down pipe is being pushed as rapidly as possible. It has purchased over fifty miles for its low-pressure system, also a large quantity of material for fittings and safety devices, amount-ing in the aggregate to over a half million dol-lars, for most of which a credit has been obtained of five years upon certificates issued as provided for in the articles of association. With about fifty miles more of pipe the Trust will be able to put gas to the property line of 19,000 houses and factories before cold weather.

"The credit the Trust has obtained is based upon the belief of the pipe manufacturers that the people will patronize the Trust in preference to any company organized for private gain. A few people, unmindful of what they owe to the Trust, are giving their patronage to a company that has done everything in its power to cripple the prosperity of Indianapolis by fixing high rates for fuel. Do these people doubt for a mo-ment that, if it had the Trust out of the way, that company would again repeat the attempt which the Trust defeated? Can they be misled, by a temporary reduction in prices, to believe that such reduction is for any other purpose than to destroy competition, with a view to future higher prices?

"We should not forget the fact that the Trust

is the only company which is irrevocably pledged by the very words and spirit of its charter to furnish fuel to every fireside and factory in Indianapolis at cost at the earliest possible moment. It exists for the public good; all the other companies exist avowedly for private gain.
We ask public-spirited citizens to think of this,
and to act for the public good. Let us see to it that the friends of the Trust who have sold it pipe on credit have not misjudged the temper of the people. The Trust is already an assured success, but it will succeed the better and the sooner if the people, by a generous pledge of patronage, will give it the means to pay its debts and haster the means to pay its debts and hasten the time when our entire population, rich and poor, monopolists and anti-monopolists, can have fuel at a nominal price.

"Four hundred men are coming toward the city with a sixteen-inch main. In less than two weeks an army of workmen will be putting down the pipes all over the city. The supply of gas from the Trust wells will be sufficient for 20,000 consumers. The directors of the company have labored zealously for the success of the enterprise without compensation and for the public good. It is time that we should rally to

This is signed by numerous citizens, among whom are S. Yandes, L. S. Ayres, James M. Bradshaw, H. Baldwin, John F. Wallick, Wm. H. Roll, P. H. Fitzgerald, J. S. Hildebrand, R. H. McCrea, Sohn H. Holliday & Co., C. S. Wright, P. Lieber Brewing Company, W. W. Woollen, The Bowen-Merrill Company, Henry Rauh, J. L. Fugate, M. H. Spades, Carl Von Hake, Wm. S. Hubbard, Fred K. Shepard Schnull & Krag, Western Furniture Company, Jos. Behwebacher, F. M. Finch, T. H. Spann, Lucius Friday. my that is the friend of the people.

B. Swift, G. W. Snider, C. Waterman, H. J. Milligan, Th. Woerner, Indianapolis Wheel Company, Horace McKay, Geo. C. Webster, Thomas A. Dean, John W. Ray, C. C. Foster, T. B. Lacock & Co., the Byrket Sheathing and Lath Company.

THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES.

Coy's Friends Control Them in Several Wards -The Close Contest for Prosecutor.

A great deal of interest was not taken in the

Democratic primaries last evening to select delegates to the judicial, representative, and senstorial conventions which meet to-day, and the congressional convention that is to occur on the 26th inst. In a good many of the northern wards not more than a half dozen persons were present, but in the southern wards, from which the majority of the delegates come, there was a better attendance. About all the interest in the meetings centered in the fight between Pierce Norton and Major Mitchell, candidates for prosecutor. In several wards the Coy-King gang captured the meetings, and refused to recognize those who favored the renomination of Mitchell A very excitable time was had in the Eighteenth ward. A crowd, headed by "Goose" Eden, met at Mozart Hali before 7 o'clock, and organized by cleaning Eden, and organized by ecting Eden chairman. The de legates who electing Eden chairman. The de legates who had been selected by Eden were then announced. They are all fast friends of Coy, and a mong them is "Duff" Callahan, Sim Coy's brother-in-law. The Mitchell men claim they came in before the delegates were all selected, but they were refused recognition by Eden. They then withdrew and selected another set of delegates. There was also a split in the Ninth ward, where an attempt was made by the gang workers to manage affairs in their own interest. The meeting was held in the sheriff's office, and six men withdrew because they would not consent to affiliate with the men who had stood so near Coy. In the Twentywho had stood so near Coy. In the Twenty-second and Twenty-third wards much ill feeling was also aroused over the manner out of the two hundred delegates selected to the four conventions not over two or three Demthe four conventions not over two or three Democrats of any prominence were chosen. The majority of them are friends of Coy, which shows that he is still able to direct the management from his office in the county jail. The federal officers were active at the meetings in their respective wards, and Smith Myers, of the post-office, and Charles P. Taylor, of the United States marshal's office, were elected delegates. The majority of the delegates were not instructed. The Nineteenth ward instructed not instructed. The Nineteenth ward instruct ed for Foley for Senator, Curtis for Representative, Bynum for Congress and Mitchell for prosecutor, and the Sixth ward instructed its delegates to vote for Mitchell. Both Mitchell and Norton last night claimed they had secured a majority, and the indications are that they will go into the convention with about equal strength, so far as the city is concerned.

Mitchell says he will be renominated, as he claims to have almost the unanimous support of Hendricks county. Curtis seems to have a sure thing on the nomination for joint Representative, and the indications are that James A. New, of Hancock county, will be nominated for joint Senator. It is being urged that Hancock county is entitled to the Senator this year, as Marion county had the last one.

MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES.

General Programme Completed and Arrangements for Decorating the Graves.

At a general meeting of the committees from all the G. A. R. posts, W. R. C., and S. of V at George H. Thomas hall last evening, the general arrangements for Memorial day were completed. The exercises will be similar to those of former years. Gen. John Coburn has been selected as the orator for the occasion, and Col. A. D. Streight has been chosen grand marshal, with Col. N. R. Ruckle as chief of staff. The parade will form on Market and Delaware streets at the usual hour, and all the military organizations, which have been invited to join it, will be assigned positions by the grand marshal. After the march to the cemetery the people will gather around the graves of the soldiers in the following order: The ladies on the north side; the Sons of Veterans and Knights Pythias on the east; the old soldiers on the south, and the military companies on the west. After these positions have been taken and the banners of the various organizations planted in the ground, ranks will be broken, and al! will assem-ble around the grand stand and listen to the oration. At the conclusion of the oration the organizations will again reassemble in their former positions. The old soldiers will plant flags on the graves, the sons of veterans and military companies will distribute the wreaths, and the ladies of the W. R. C. will strew the graves with flowers. Then will follow the reading of the G. A. R. services for the dead, the singing of "America" by all, and such other ex-ercises as may be arranged hereafter.

The various sub-committees appointed at a former meeting submitted reports showing that they had attended to the duties assigned them. The committee on flowers has made arrangements for flowers to be left at all the school houses, from which places they will be gathered and taken to some central location, and then removed to the cemetery. There are 770 graves to be decorated, and wreaths and flags for each were ordered. The committee on music reportinterest of the Trust, which states why its sign- | ed that it had procured the services of Camerers believe that company should be favored on's Band for instrumental and the Butler University Club for vocal music. There will be an other meeting of the general committee next Friday evening, when the minor details for the day's observance will be completed.

NEW STREET-CAR SERVICE.

Extension of the Old and Requests of a New Company to Be Considered by Council.

The Council committee on railroads met yesterday afternoon, to consider several important questions that are before it. One is the extension of the present street-car company's lines on Mississippi street to the base-bail grounds, and thence to Crown Hill Cemetery. Another is the granting of a franchise to the new horsecar company, which offers to come to the city. Mr. Schafer, the manager of the Citizens' com pany, and J. C. Brush, the attorney for the new company, met with the committee, and the two interests were very thoroughy discussed in an informal way. Mr. Schafer says his company desires to make the extension to the ballgrounds and then to Crown Hill, because there is a demand for such line, and the members of the committee seemed to favor granting permission for the extension.

Mr. Brush presented the plans of the new company, and said it was in earnest about desiring to build a line. It would give a guarantee that work on the lines on the north side of the city would begin soon after the granting of the franchise. Councilman Kelley, speaking for the South Side, said he would not be in favor of granting any company a right to build more lines north of Washington street until his part of the city was provided with a better service. He repre-1.000 people who had no car service at all, and before additional lines were built he would demand additional accommodations for his constituents. He asked Mr. Brush if the new company would put up a guarantee that it would build its propsed South Side lines within a year, and Mr. Brush stated that ne could not speak for the company on that point. It would not, probably, build the lines until the viaduet was completed, as, at present, it could get no crossing over the Union railway tracks. After the discussion the committe adjuncted without taking action. The ordinance ourned without taking action. The ordinance granting the new company a charter will be presented at the next meeting of the Council. A call is out for a special meeting, Monday night, but as yet it has not been sufficiently signed.

A Bomb in the Postoffice. Something of a sensation was created in the postoffice, yesterday morning, by the finding of what appeared to be a dynamite bomb on the desk of letter-carrier James Kantland. It was a piece of gas-pipe about eight inches long, carefully plugged at each end, and having a fuse.

The dangerous-looking instrument was turned over to the police, and is yet in the possession of the superintendent unopened. There is a mystery about how the supposed bomb came to the their support and, by pledging our patronage, letter-carrier's desk, as none of the employee in give substantial proof that we are the friends of the postoffice saw it until it was found in the mail-matter. The police think the bomb is a hoax, but still do not care to examine into its

> The Asphalt Pavement. The contract for the paving with asphalt of Washington street will be let next Friday There was a call for a meeting of the committee on contracts yesterday afternoon, but, on account of the mability of several members to be.
> present, the meeting was postponed until next

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Organic Union Causes Unsatisfactory Debate -Appointments for To-Morrow's Services.

Bishop J. M. Brown occupied the chair at the session of the A. M. E. Conference yesterday. Reva Re H. W. Leak and J. W. Telfair of North Carolina, conducted the devotional and ritualistic services. The report of the committee on episcopacy was called for, but none had so far been prepared. In regard to the work of the committee on organic union of the British and the African M. E. Church Bishop J. P. Campbell, who was appointed by the board of bishops to represent them in Chatham, Ontario, at the General Conference of the first-named church, was asked to make a statement. He said that the commission from the United States had agreed upon terms of consolidation according to the instructions of the General Conference of four years ago. After the agreement was reach the consummation of the union was proclaimed officially through both countries and everything appeared settled. But a committee which was appointed to investigate the finances of the Canadian Church went to Toronto for the purpose and found a great deal of opposition to the union.

Dr. C. S. Smith, secretary of the Sundayschool Union of the church, who had sent out a circular relative to the union, gained the floor after much difficulty, and proceeded to read a portion of the journal of the last A. M. E. General Conference in reference to the duties of the committee which was to investigate the state of the B. M. E. church. He said, as he did in his eircular, that the Canadian Church has not complied with the terms of the union, and that the greater part of it is, in fact, opposed to it, and that he himself is convinced that the consolidation of the bodies is not yet feasible.

The introduction of this topic brought about great confusion and when it appeared that there were journals of the last conference for distri-bution, the ministers surrounded the person having them. So great was their eagerness to obtain the reports that they snatched and scuffled to secure them. The confusion continued some time and no definite action was

Additions were made to the following com-Church Extension-J. W. Watson, H. S. Parker, J. F. Austin, W. H. Thomas, J. H. Morgan. N. R. Fielding, A. Edweil, T. Armstrong, W. H. Farren, A. T. Green, J. B. Webb, L. M. Mitchell, G. W. Gaines, L. W. Johnson, F. P. Main, J. Jones, J. M. Murchison, S. W. Bellamy, J. M. Wilkerson, B. Green, R. Dean, G. W. Doyle, G. C. Christburg, R. Harper, G. N. Clowers, A. G. Scott, H. Wilhite, C. W. Dorsey, J. A. Johnson, J. Skerrett, W. J. Butler, R. A. Seeley. Sunday-schools—A. J. Miller, C. W. Preston, A. W. Upshaw, F. Savage, B. F. Lee, Esq., R. M. Cheeks, F. F. Giles, M. Conner; W. H. Farrow, H. H. Harris, J. W. Rankin, L. C. Reynolds, W. H. Saxton, R. G, Mortimer, J. S. Thompson, O. Bland, A. G. Keeling. E. D. Bennett, J. W. Wilson, J. W. Early, J. F. Ed, wards, W. H. Hunter, A. A. Williams, I. H. Welch. T. A. Brown, H. J. McAdoo, H. Wilhite, J. A. M. Johns, G. W. Aston, J. W. Skerrett, H. F. Miller, S. Martin.

Jenifer, W. B. Perrick, J. W. Cooper, W. H. Mixon, C. H. King, H. F. Trapp, W. H. Lucas, J. A. Cary, J. W. Rankin, W. Burns, J. C. O. Owens, J. P. Shorter, W. Rankin, W. Burns, J. C. O. Owens, J. P. Shorter, C. T. Shaffer, C. Asbury, E. Brown, A. J. Price, B. F. Watson, J. L. Jackson, J. F. B. Bradley, E. H. Bolden, S. A. Driver, B. F. Porter, S. R. Reid, A. F. Jackson, A. Grant, J. A. M. Johns, J. O'Banyoun, J. W. Skerrett, H. F. Miller, R. A. Seeley.

Boundaries—W. H. Weathers, B. F. Rodgers, J. H. C. Austin, T. E. Franklin, N. Lewis, P. Gardner, R. H. W. Leak, J. H. Armstrong, T. H. Jackson, D. J. McGee, J. B. Webb, A. Jackson, W. H. Sexton, W. J. Johnson, J. W. Beckett, W. H. Brown, A. J. Russell, S. F. Flegler, B. F. Watson, J. F. Dyson, J. F. B. Bradley, J. Strange, W. R. Carson, B. F. Porter, E. Wilson, G. E. Taylor, A. Grant, C. W. Dorsey, D. R. Davis, J. W. Skerrett, W. J. Butler, C. H. Shean.

lowing appointments were announced for to-Bethel A. M. E. Church—10:30 A. M., T. M. D. Ward, D. D., Binings, D. C.; 3:30 P. M., W. J. Gaines, D. D., Georgia; 7:30 P. M., J. O. Banyan, Ontario.
Allen Chapel A. M. E. Church—10:30 A. M., A. Grant, Texas; 3:30 P. M., T. B. Caldwell, Tennessee; 7:30 P. M., C. Asbury, D. D., Pennsylvania.
California-atreet M. E. Church—10:30 A. M., L. C. Coppin, D. D., Philadelphia; 7:30 P. M., A. J. Russel, Texas.

At the close of the afternoon session the fol-

Blackford-street Zion Church—10:30 A. M., I. S. Lee, B. D., South Carolina; 3:30 P. M., J. E. Edwards, D. D., South Carolina; 7:30 P. M., J. B. Loftin, B. D., Georgia,

Ames M. E. Church—10:45 A. M., Bishop H. M.,
Turner, D. D. L. D.; 7:30 P. M., A. J. Miller, Vicks-Roberts Park M. E. Church—10 A.M., Bishop A.W. Wayman D. D., Maryland; 7:30 P. M., Dr. B. W. Arnett, Wilberforce, O. Fletcher-place, M. E. Church—10:30 A. M., A. M. Green, A. M., New Orleans; 7:30 P. M., A. W. Up-Central Christian Church-10:30 A. M., T. G. Steward, D. D., Maryland.

Grace M. E. Church-10:30 A. M., J. H. Armstrong, Texas; 7:36 P. M., W. B. Derrick, D. D., New

Blackford-street M. E. Church-10:30 A. M., W. A. J. Phillips, Arkansas; 7:45 P. M., J. T. Je nnifer, Rhode Island. Simpson Chapel M. E. Church-7:30 P. M., R. H. W. Leak. deDonald, Missouri

Christian Church, corner Fourth and Howard—
10:30 A. M., J. W. Wilson, Kansas; 3:30 P. M., A. J.
Burton, Iowa; 7:30 P. M., W. H. Mizon, Alabama.
Seventh M. E. Church, corner of Seventh and Bellefontaine streets—10:30 A. M., R. G. Mortimer. Simpson Chapel--10:30 A. M., John M. Murchin-son, Arkansas; 7:30 P. M., R. H. W. Leak, North Quinn Chapel, Louisville, Ky., W. S. Lowery,

Other Religious Meetings. The ladies' union prayer-meeting will be held this afternoon in the First Presbyterian Church. at 4 o'clock. It will be led by Mrs. Finob. The out-door gospel temperance meetings for the summer will begin at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, in Military Park. Dr. S. A. Bright will preach, and the High-school graduates will furnish the music.

THE METHODIST CONFERENCE.

Prospect of a Lively Time When Blahop Taylor's Report Is Presented. NEW YORK, May 11 .- The attendance at the Methodist General Conference, in the Metropolitan Opera-house, this morning was small, not more than one-tenth of the members being present at the opening. The Rev. Dr. Elbert R. Dotte, of California, criticised the members who read the newspapers during prayer, and Bishop Bowman, who presided, did the same. After the reading of the minutes, most of the members were in their seats. It is reported that there will be music when the discussion of the standing of Bishop Taylor comes up. Mr. Asbury Lowry has demanded that the African missionary bishop shall be accorded the same rights as the other bishops. It was thought that Bishop Taylor would make a demand to be allowed to preside, but he did not, and Bishop Bowman took the chair. There is to be a sensation when Bishop Taylor's report of his work in Africa is made. He says his labors have been successful, while his opponents claim that they have been a failure. One of the African missionaries, named Davenport, arrived yesterday, and he will testify that the work has been far from successful. Bishop Taylor will present his report to-morrow and an effort will be made to refer it to the committee on episcopacy, but the majority will vote to send it to the committee on The business of the day commenced by calling the names of the different committees. The

Oregon Conference presented a paper asking for the establishment of a Norwegian and Swedish annual conference on the Pacific coast, which

was referred to the proper committee.

Rev. C. N. Sims, chairman of the committee on the ecumenical conference to be held in the United States in 1891, reported that the British and Canadian delegates of the Wesleyan conferences were in favor of the conference. The matter was referred back to the committee, with directions to formulate a plan for selecting delegates to the conference.

A resolution asking that an episcopal residence be established in Texas was referred to

Dr. Mcintyre presented a resolution to the effect that the Methodist Church North should appoint a committee of thirteen to meet a similar committee of the Methodist Church South, for se of arranging a basis of union. committee to report to the next General Conference. The resolution was referred to the committee on state of the church.

Resolutions concerning the dismissal of mem-bers, ministerial relief and the establishment of the Nevada mission into an annual conference, the Nevada mission into an annual conference,
were referred to appropriate committees.

Rev. G. N. Powers, of Keokek, Ia., handed
in a memorial on civil-service reform, demanding that the conference shall so logislate upon
the selection of delegates as to restrict officeseeking, and declaring that civil-service reform

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is needed in the church, as the tendency is to-ward office-seeking by members, who fall to the common level of politicians in seeking office. The memorial was referred to the committee on

the state of the church.

A number of other resolutions, petitions, etc., were presented, after which the conference adjourned.

A Lively Convention.

New York Son. There never was a livelier ecclesiastical con vention in this city than that of the Methodists. now being held. The proceedings are often en livered by the singing of sacred songs in which all the delegates join, and "Home, Sweet Home" was sung after the adoption of resolutions in honor of a deceased delegate. The members are not afraid or ashamed to be humorous at times or to indulge in merry laughter during a debate which gives occasion for it. There was merriment on Tuesday when the admission of certain delegates was under debate, and the saure of the Rev. Dr. Smart was highly enjoyed. The Methodists at the great conference are very much in earnest, but they are not at all lugubri-

Southern Baptists. RICHMOND, Va., May 11.-The Southern Baptist convention met in annual session here today in the First Baptist Church, and was called to order by Prof. Lewis B. Ely, of Missouri, first vice-president, the Rev. Dr. P. H. Mell, the president, having died in the interim since last convention. Professor Elk made a few touching remarks in relation to the deceased president of the convention, after which Rev. Dr. J. L. Burrows, of Norfolk, offered prayer, and the Rev. Dr. Geo. Cooper, of Richmond, made an address of welcome.

On the call of States it was found that 745 delegates were present, as follows: Alabama, 23; Arkansas, 28: District of Columbia, 12; Florida, 5; Georgia, 36; Indian Teritory, 1, Kentucky, 61; Louisiana, 104; South Carolina, 100; Tennessee, 19; Texas, 52; Virginia, 169.

Officers were elected as follows: President (rising vote), Dr. J. P. Boyce, of Kentucky; vice presidents, Lewis R. Ely, of Carroliton; Rev. John Pollard, of Richmond, Va; Rev. J. R. Hawthorne, of Atlanta, Ga.; Judge J. H. Harrison, of Selma, Ala. Secretaries: H. Lansing Burrows, of Angusta, Ga., and O. F. Gregory, of Baltimore.

The regular committees on order of business and religious exercises were then appointed. The report of the home mission board was presented. It describes its work as never before so prosperous. This is shown both by the increase of its receipts and the amount of work it has one. The report says the needs of the board are greater than ever. The work in Cuba must be largely increased; that among the foreign ulation of the South and the colored peop is just begun. To evangelize our own country would not only save America, but speed the conquest of the world. The number of accessions to the church in the home mission field was 7,496, and the cost of the work was \$177,953. The principal work of the board has been done in the following fields: Arkansas, Florida, Indian Territory, Louisiana, Texas and Cuba. Of Cuba the report says: "The whole island is open to the gospel. Persecutions have been heavy, but the faith and courage of our people are strong and unbroken. The work done has not been surpassed by any in the history of modern missions. Pray for Cuba."

The total issues of Sunday-school publications will soon reach 5,000,000. The report of the Board of Foreign Missions was then submitted. It commends the zealous work of women in the cause, and says that Christian women were never more enlisted, heart and hand, in giving the gospel to the perishing. There are almost as many women as men in the foreign missions of the world. The report goes into voluminous details of the work of the missions in Mexico, South America, Europe, Africa and China, giving most gratifying statistics and showing successful progress; also, embodying opinions and suggestions of missionaries in all of those countries as to the needs and requirements for the advancement of the work. The board, in making official announcement of the death, in March, of Rev. M T. Yates, D. D., missionary to China, pays a glowing tribute to his worth and works.

Methodist Missions. New York, May 11.-The Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the M. E. Church held a well-attended meeting at the Metropolitan Opera-house to-night. Bishop Foss presided. Bishop Warren, Mrs. Mary Ninde, Rev. O. O. Spencer of Japan, Rev. J. P. Newman and W. R. Butler were among the speakers.

Order of Railway Conductors.

TORONTO, Ont., May 11.—At to-day's session of the railway conductors' convention the "Q" strike and the relations existing between the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen were the subjects under consideration. The question arose on a motion to concur in that part of the secretary's report dealing with the sending out by him of advance sheets to railway officials in antagonism to strikers. The debate was very lively, at times falling into personalities. Grand Secretary Daniels was severely handled. The motion was finally carried-131 to 119. A resolution to censure the division which had issued circulars in opposition to the bill licensing conductors, before Congress, last year, was defeated-157 to 90-many members refusing to allow the order to interfere with their rights as American citizens. A resolution to cease taking steps to secure the passage of the bill was referred to a committee.

Steamship News. Boston, May 11.-Arrived: Manitoban, from London, May 11.—Arrived: Michigan, from Baltimore. QUEENSTOWN, May 11 .- Arrived: Norseman,

DOVER, May 11.-Arrived: Greece, from New York, for London. PLYMOUTH, May 11 .- Arrived: Edam, from New York, for Amsterdam. New York, May 11 .- Arrived: Belgenland from Antwerp; Italy, from Liverpool; Aller, from Bremen; Istrian, from Boston.

Fatally Hurt in a Railway Accident. JERSEY CITY, N. J., May 11 .- A serious accident occurred this morning at the west end of the Erie tunnel. A Greenwood lake train from Newark stopped at the tunnel for a signal to go ahead, when an Erie in-bound express came crashing into its rear. All of the passengers were badly shaken up, and ten of them were Ball, of Newark, and it is feared that Theodore Franklin, will die.

A Lunatic's Fatal Fall. COLUMBUS, O., May 11.-Ellen B. Myner, an inmate of the insane asylum, from Harrison county, confined in the suicidal ward, on the top floor, took a horrible jump to-day. She broke a sky-light and climbed to the roof, going to the edge of which she deliberately slid off, feet foremost, catching the eaves with her hands for a moment, she then fell to the ground, a distance of fifty-five feet. She died in a few minutes from the effects of the fall.

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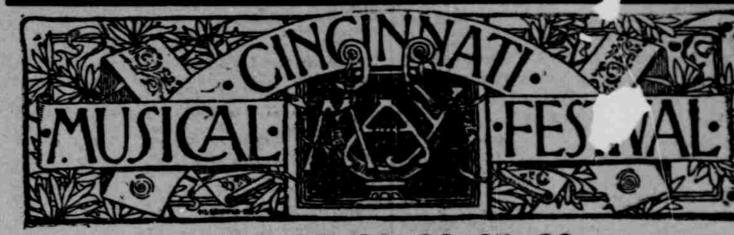
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